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would not be the consequence of such declaration — &c. &c. &c.

It was not difficult to observe that these assurances had a good effect for (altho^{at first} they listened with reluctance of like men afraid to hear) they afterwards became exceedingly familiar & almost impertinently inquisitive. Conscious also that they had not literally fulfilled the condition of their obligation with Gen. Grey, they apprehended some degree of severity from us. A conduct directly opposite to such expectation procured us their confidence, & from being timid, ambiguous, & cunning, they became free, explicit & (in some instances) ingenuous. We have exerted all our talents to cultivate a harmony with them & if possible to extend it to the Main. Several very civil messages have already been received from Falmouth & very decent answers returned.

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The principal characters on the Island visit us, daily, & entertain us with variety of anecdotes, intelligence, &c.

Whether the establishment of a post in this sound would be of material advantage to Government is a question on which I have already given my opinion. —

My residence here has convinced me that (exclusive of what I formerly mentioned) benefits might arise of which I then had no idea.

14th.

M^r. Leonard received a letter, giving the pleasing intelligence of the capture of the sloop *Three Friends*, by one of his privateers at Old Town. She is laden with sugar, coffee & molasses, from Cape Francois bound to Nantes.

Observation.